The Last Will of Muhannad al Shehri
(may Allah have mercy on him)
One of the Participants of the 9/11 Raids



In the Name of Allah, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful

Extract from a statement of Shaykh Osama bin Laden (may Allah have mercy on him) recorded three months after the 9/11 raids

With the permission of Allah, the fall of America is near, and it is not dependent on the presence of this humble slave of Allah. It doesn't matter if Osama is killed or lives on, for the awakening has occurred, with the blessing of Allah. This was one of the major achievements of these operations. I ask Allah to accept these young men among the martyrs and grant them the company of the Prophets, the truthful ones, the martyrs and the righteous, and blessed indeed is their companionship. What these young men have done is simply great… a most noble act… may Allah reward them with the best of rewards. We ask Allah to make them a source of reward for their parents, for they have made all Muslims proud, and have taught America a lesson it will never forget, with the permission of Allah. I had previously warned in my interview with ABC News that America's entry into a confrontation with the sons of the *Haramain* (the land of Makkah and Madinah) shall make it forget the nightmare of Vietnam. And this is what has happened- with the blessing of Allah- and what is hidden is even more severe, with Allah's permission.

There is another lesson here: Unlike the prevailing concept most people tend to have, victory is not all about material gains. Rather, victory is defined by steadfastness on principles. The story of the people of the Ditch has been mentioned by Allah (swt) in a positive light and as an eternal lesson of steadfastness on principles. The people of the Ditch were coerced into choosing between faith and being burnt alive in the inferno, but they refused to disbelieve in Allah the Glorious.

Allah guided these young men to declare it openly to the head of international disbelief, to America and its allies: You are on the wrong path, you are misguided. Thus they sacrificed their lives for the sake of *La ilaha ila Allah*.

Extract from the Last Will of Abu Umar al Azdi

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The Most Glorious One, the Most-Knowledgeable said, ‘And it was due from us to aid those who believed.’ He ordered his servants to give victory to His Deen and to make His Word the uppermost, and made victory over the enemies and steadfastness at the time of meeting the enemy its reward. And thus He said, ‘O’ you who believe! If you help in the cause of Allah, He will help you, and make your foothold firm.’ [47:7] The one who is killed in His path facing the enemy without fleeing is rewarded with the best of rewards by Him. Allah says, ‘Think not of those who are slain in Allah’s way as dead. Nay, they live, finding their sustenance in the presence of their Lord. They rejoice in the bounty provided by Allah: And with regards to those left behind, who have not yet joined them in their bliss, the Martyrs glory in the fact that on them is no fear, nor have they any cause to grieve.’ [3:169-171]

And He says, ‘Fight them, Allah will punish them by your hands and bring them to disgrace and assist you against them and heal the hearts of a believing people, and remove the rage of their hearts; and Allah turns mercifully to those whom He pleases. And Allah is the Knowing, the Wise.’ [9:14-15]

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah. He has no partners. He is pure of any similitude and above any partnership, nor in need of any helper. And I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger and the best of His mankind, the choicest of His creation, the guardian of His revelation, His Messenger between Him and His slaves, the most knowledgeable of Him and the most fearing of Him, the sincerest one for His Ummah, the one who made Jihad in the Way of Allah as it ought to be made, until he left the Ummah on a path of clear guidance; a path whose night is as illuminated as its day; a path from which only a doomed person strays.

Just as he declared the Oneness of Allah, possessed insight of His Unity, and called people to it, Allah, His Angels, His Prophets and Messengers and all Believers too send their peace and blessings on him, and on His Companions and upon those who follow them in good faith till the Day of Judgment.

From the humble servant of Allah, Abu Umar al Azdi to the scholars who fearlessly state the truth, to the Mujahideen and Murabiteen on the frontlines, to the honorable grandsons of Khalid and Musab, to our respected mothers and fathers:

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuhu!

Accept from me a pure *salam* overflowing with love and sincerity, a pure *salam* from the nectars of Paradise, a *salam* from someone who seeks deliverance for you in the worldly life and success in the Hereafter, a *salam* fragrant with roses and basils, fragrant with the pure blood of the martyrs, the free ones:

Surprised I was to hear them say I had exaggerated

In optimism, idealism and setting my eyes on difficult aims

So take it easy, they said, and do not tire your arms

In dispersing seeds on a land infertile

Wait a second, I said, for dejection is not my mark

I will sow my seeds and the fruit is from the Lord

For as long as I did my best to convey the message

I am not to blame if I did not find receptive ears

I send to you my *salam* from the beloved land of Qandahar which has defied submission and refused to kneel down to arrogant disbelievers throughout the ages. I write to you these words from the beloved land of Qandahar, from which the squadrons of honor set off to write with their blood the greatest tale of self-sacrifice, to wipe off with the scattered fragments of their bodies the garment of humiliation and servility, to demolish with their battle-axes the false idols worshipped instead of Allah the Great, and to strike with their swords at the head of the accursed tyrant. You shall come to know the truth of my words when I water them with my blood and my body… so that you may live defiantly as believers:

I will carry my soul with ease

And fling it into the depths of danger

Either it shall be a life which brings joy to a friend

Or a death which enrages the enemy

Yes, it is a time in which alienation has engulfed us, the ties of brotherhood have weakened, the rich have withheld their wealth from us, companions of the path have discouraged us, the scholars have knowingly remained silent about the truth, the youth have drunk from the cup of fear and humiliation, while others have forsaken the obligatory for the recommended, the tyrants have led this Ummah to the abyss, filth and immorality has become widespread and has deprived the hearts of sobriety and filled them with lowliness.

I write to you these lines in the hope that sacrifice, selflessness and undaunted courage may lift the veil from the truth, tear apart the cloak of darkness and clarify the path of safety and deliverance. I recite to you with a voice which may bring alive God-fearing hearts with the command of Allah, 'O Prophet! Incite the believers to fight'. So accompany me in this last will as I address you from the deck of my ship so as to guide you to the shores of salvation. Perhaps your boat will hear my words of inspiration and rock with enthusiasm and you would stop in your way and change course to head for the Gardens of Eternity.

Allah will surely replace those who have chosen to sit back and refrain from the obligation of Jihad with others who will rise and act on the basis of the Islamic creed, be willing to pay the price of honor, and overcome the enemies of Allah. Those who have chosen to sit back will then be left worthless, and their reckoning will neither be delayed nor hastened, for Allah is All-Powerful, and nothing can stop Him from replacing you with another people.

When one reflects on the current situation of the Ummah he is simply appalled and taken aback with shock. In fact, one is overpowered by grief when he considers the situation of an Ummah which had once led the world, ruled it with grandeur and splendor, filled the enemies' hearts with terror and recorded in the annals of history glory unheard of erstwhile. There was a time in which dignity, respect and sublimity belonged to those who held tightly to the Deen and followed the Sunnah of the best of the Messengers, peace be upon him.

Today, the situation has unfortunately been reversed, and there is no might and power except for Allah. As for the frontlines of the Muslim lands, they are devoid of Mujahideen, except for a very small number of men who have dedicated their lives to Allah. The sanctities of the Muslims have been violated. Young girls have lost their virginity and chaste women have had their bellies ripped apart. Heart-wrenching scenes may be witnessed today… a little girl who has lost her father and her mother weeps intensely… a child whose hair have turned gray because of the severity of the tragedy… an old man wailing and screaming out of pain and terror… a respected elderly man standing over the remains of his house with a heart full of grief and despair.

By Allah, I ask you just how many Muslims have had their pure blood shed in Afghanistan at the hands of atheist Russia? And how many women have lost their chastity at the hands of the Satanic Hindus in our beloved Kashmir? In fact, the Hindus master and revel in the techniques of savage torture. How many Muslim families have been decimated at the hands of the Serbs in Bosnia and Kosovo? These genocides are the biggest proof of the hatred these Crusaders have for Muslims. How widespread are the killings and torture of Muslims in Chechnya, Indonesia and Palestine! And what would you know about Palestine… the place where blood spilt does not dry before even more is spilt in a sordid manner, revealing the hatred the Jews' hatred for Muslims.

Muslims are oblivious of these atrocities, as if there is no bond of faith and Islam between them and the victims of these atrocities. The West has deceived the Muslims with overtures of friendship and extension of olive branches, as if the Prophet (peace be upon him) had declared that he had been sent before the Final Hour with an olive branch! Allah and His Messenger are absolved of all of this, for the Prophet (peace be upon him) is the one who had said, 'I was sent before the Final Hour with the sword, my provision is under the shadow of my spear, and humiliation and abjectness has been destined for those who oppose my command'. Muslims have unfortunately become masters of expressing grief, condemnations and denunciations- futile methods which never return a right that one has been robbed of, nor a chastity that has been violated. And there is no power and might except for Allah!

To add to this, the economic situation also reached an abyss. The entire economic system became interest-based. This usurious system is promoted and controlled by the International Jewry. In the guise of this usurious economic system, the resources of the Muslims have been plundered and their wealth squandered. The Ummah was further afflicted with ideological distortion which struck at its very heart. Man-made laws became in the minds of most people a necessity for their daily lives, or so they supposed.

Warm ties of friendship with the disbelievers, the Jews, Christians and others became hallmarks of political acumen and diplomatic shrewdness. The suspension of Jihad and its rulings became a common occurrence. Anyone who possessed zeal and a sense of honor for the Deen was fought against, by deception or by outright infringement of rights.

In the sphere of education- and what would you know about the sphere of education- institutions were established to raise an entire generation brainwashed with the dogma of the love of land and narrow nationalism. A secular educational curricula was put in place, as a result of which an entire generation was robbed of its creed and faith, and the spirit of honor and zeal died in the hearts. At the social level, immorality became widespread and noble manners disappeared. Homes were ruined, families torn apart by the poison injected in society by radio, television, cinema, videos and live transmissions.

At the political level the Ummah was made to suffer at the hands of a clique of tyrant rulers who had been installed by the imperial powers and crafted by them for making possible the occupation of Muslim lands, subjugation of the masses, repression of the honorable allies of Allah and empowerment of Christians and spiteful secularists. These rulers fulfilled their task dutifully. One can go on and on about the resources that have been plundered by them and the wealth that is squandered on fulfilling their desires and personal whims.

Do not ask about the systematic fight against the Religion, the killings of people associated with the Religion, their depiction as conspirators against Muslims and agents of chaos. Do not ask about the enforcement of man-made laws and rulings based on outright disbelief. The situation has reached the point described in the following verses:

Has disbelief and westernization become knowledge

And nudity and dance arts?

Permissible it is to see naked legs and arms

Yet impermissible the sight of a protected body

For the evil-doers they have opened clubs

And for worshippers prisons

You consider calling to Allah violence

Is killing callers to Allah not violence?

And what is terrorism but repelling violence

And the oppression fostered by our rulers

The thought of the scholars has become vague

Paralyzed and hidden in fear

You consider Religion to be all about saving one's skin

And words that do not awaken those in slumber

O' backward Arabs will you take heed

From the lessons taught by these disasters

Yes, Islam is ready as ever to bring an end to the degradation of Muslims and cleanse their hearts of humiliation, provided they raise the sword of Jihad, and declare a relentless war which obliterates the enemy. But the establishment of this Jihad, raising the Word of Tauheed and bringing an end to this disgraceful situation cannot be achieved except by men who love death as much as the disbelievers love life. As some of the righteous predecessors had said that only if such a great Deen had men who could truly uphold it- men at the same caliber as this Religion and Jihad, men who could appreciate this Religion's holistic nature and the sacrifices it demands.

This predecessor said this in the age of the righteous predecessors, may Allah be pleased with them. The abundance of ascetics and the crowd of worshippers at the time was not what concerned him, rather he wanted men who could carry in their hearts concern for this Deen

and the resolve to raise the flag of Tauheed, the resolve to lead the Ummah of *La ilaha ila Allah* to the height of glory and return to the Ummah the honor it had lost. Yes, he wanted men who possessed the qualities of abstinence from this world, worship and deep understanding of the Deen, but who could also transcend this level and rise to meet the challenges of another stage: the stage of bringing mankind to worship Allah the One, the Mighty alone, implementing the commands of Allah and His Messenger in the land, putting an end to the evil of those who have changed their Religion or ruled over people with their whims.

This is a stage which only a select few among men chosen by Allah are able to reach: 'Of the believers are men who are true to the covenant which they made with Allah: so of them is who accomplished his vow, and of them is he who yet waits, and they have not changed in the least.' [33:23]

To those who live for the sake of this world but still wish to attain the pleasure of their Lord and His paradise, and want to be among the Helpers of this Deen, I say: deliverance and success can only be attained by adopting the way of the best of the Prophets and Messengers, Muhammad bin Abdullah, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him. It is the way of Jihad in the Way of Allah. Our Prophet (peace be upon him) participated in 28 battles in the Way of Allah, and here you are clinging to the earth, not having fought even a single battle, not having fired even a single bullet, while Allah says, 'Do you think that you will enter the garden before Allah tests those of you who fought in His cause and also tests those who are patient?' [3:142] Those who sit back, refrain from Jihad and upon seeing the false splendor of the world rush forth for it… when their own objectives and desires call upon them, they fly towards them without hesitation, but when the caller to Allah says, 'O' Knight of Allah! Mount your horse', setting out becomes difficult and extremely heavy on their souls… regarding such people Allah has said, 'Had it been a near gain and an easy journey, they would have followed you, but the distance was long for them, and they would swear by Allah, 'If we only could, we would certainly have come forth with you.' They destroy their ownselves, and Allah knows that they are liars.' [9:42]

So O' scholars who declare the truth, remain steadfast in stating the truth. Beware of backtracking in your *fatwas* (decrees) or accepting the blame of the blamers, for you will one day be standing before Allah, and He will ask you about your knowledge and how you used it. O' scholars! Who will fight the enemy if you abandon the frontlines? Who will clarify the truth when it becomes blurred? Who will counter the doubts when the pitch black dark nights overshadow the light of day?

Abdullah bin Masood (may Allah be pleased with him) said to a group of people who had disassociated from the people and engaged themselves in worship, 'If everyone starts following your path, who will fight the enemy? I will not leave you until your return to the people'. So who will fight the Crusaders, who will fight the Jews, who will liberate the sacred places and who will avenge for the violation of sanctities if every scholar were to stay in his place and not want to come out? No, never! This Deen can never be established except with effort, with Jihad. It can never thrive except with work, with resistance. There must be men for this Deen who exert the best of their efforts to return people to their Deen, and to bring people out of the slavery of man and to the servitude of Allah alone, to establish the Divinity of Allah practically on earth, to reclaim the authority which people have unjustly usurped from the Divine authority of Allah, to establish the Shariah of Allah in the lives of the people and to make people abide by the Shariah.

Shahr bin Houshab calls on you and addresses you with these words of his, ‘When a person speaks to people, his words have an effect on their heart corresponding to his stature in their hearts’. Malik bin Deenar says that if a scholar does not act upon his knowledge, his advice slips from the hearts just as drops of water slide off the surface of a cliff. It is said that Eesa (Jesus, peace be upon him) was asked once: ‘What is the most testing thing for people’. He responded, ‘The mistake of a scholar, for if he errs, a large number of people fall into error following him.’

So O’ esteemed scholars, we want you to come and join the battlefields, so that you may witness firsthand the tremendous blessings, favors, helps, guidance of Allah for his Mujahid slaves, so that you may experience Ribaat and Jihad yourselves, so that you may see the doors of Paradise opening in front of you, and to your right and left, and so that your imagination may lead you to seeing Ibn Mubarak calling you from the land of Tartous, ‘Woe be to us for the life exhausted and time wasted in peripheral issues, while we ignored the doors of Jihad left wide open with no one to pay attention to it.’ Ibn Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) is calling you from snow-covered Kabul, raising your morale, ‘For me to stand in front of the enemy, just facing him without even striking with my sword, or thrusting with my spear or shooting my arrow is better than worshipping Allah for sixty years without disobeying him even once.’ Likewise, Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) invites you to Jihad from the shores of Jaffa saying, ‘Ribaat during this night here is dearer to me than standing the entire night of *Lailatul Qadr* in prayers inside Baitul Maqdis.’ From the distant land of Kufa, a leader of the best of the *Tabi’een*, Sufyan bin Aneena addresses you, ‘If you see that the people disagree among themselves, ask the Mujahideen and the people of the frontlines, for Allah says, ‘We shall guide them to our ways’.” Listen to the words uttered by the leader of the Ahl as Sunnah wal Jama’ah when raiding the enemy was mentioned to him. He wept and said, ‘There is nothing among good deeds better than this. Nothing comes close to meeting the enemy and taking the fight to him. It is the best of deeds. Those who fight the enemy are the ones who defend Islam, Muslims and their sanctuaries. How can there be a deed better than this? The people are living in safety and the Mujahideen live in fear, while they have offered their lives in the Way of Allah.’

So O’ scholars, your condition is one of the following three, and there is no fourth category among you: There are those among you who have learnt knowledge, acted upon it, recognized the truth and declared it. For their steadfastness on truth we pray day and night, openly and in secret. And there are those among you who recognized the truth, but did not preach it, who saw deviation, but ignored it. They are like the silent devil, as has been mentioned by the righteous predecessors (may Allah have mercy on them). For if the scholar hides his opinion out of fear, how will the ignorant ever recognize the truth? Lastly, there are those among you who have acquired knowledge, but do not act upon it, who have recognized the truth but do not preach it, recognized misguidance and curried favors with it. Such a scholar sits obediently before the ruler with knees folded, his hands reaching out to his wealth and his tongue engaged in flattery. They have settled at the doors of the kings. They dine at the king’s tables, and fill their stomachs with his leftovers. Their flattery for the rulers is known, their sitting at his doors is common knowledge, and their gatherings are marked by commendation and praise for the ruler.

Regarding the last two, Ibn al Qayyim (may Allah have mercy on him) offers a valuable insight worthy of being written in ink of gold: ‘Whoever amongst the people of knowledge prefers this world to the Hereafter and falls in love with this worldly life, he will inevitably attribute

falsehood to Allah in his decrees, rulings, speech and enjoining of deeds. This is because the rulings of the Lord, exalted be He, are frequently against the interests of some people, specifically people in positions of leadership who tend to follow their desires. Their interests can never be secured except by opposing the truth and distancing themselves from it. So if the scholars and rulers love leadership and are driven by their desires, they will only be able to secure their interests by promoting falsehood. This is even more so the case if such a person has doubts in his hearts. The doubt will coincide with his lowly desires and subject him to his whims. The truth will thus become hidden and confounded. However, if the truth is clear, without any subtlety or doubts, he will oppose it openly and say that the door of repentance is a safe exit for me. About them and their likes Allah has said, 'And after them succeeded a generation which laid waste to prayers and followed blindly their lowly desires.' And Allah says, 'Then after them succeeded an evil generation, which inherited the Book, but they chose for themselves the evil pleasures of this world, saying 'Everything will be forgiven to us'. And if the offer of the like (evil pleasures of this world) came their way, they would again seize them. Was not the covenant of the Book taken from them that they would not say about Allah anything but the truth? And they have studied what is in the Book. And the abode of the Hereafter is better for those who are the pious. Do you not then understand?' [7:169]'

Ibn al Qayyim said that this is the tragic fate of the scholars if they prefer the worldly life and seek positions of leadership, and that the following verses are about them, 'And recite to them the story of him to whom We gave Our signs, but he threw them away, so Satan followed him up, and he became one of those who went astray. And had We willed, We would surely have elevated him therewith. But he clung to the earth and followed his own vain desires. So his example is the example of a dog: If you drive him away, he lolls his tongue out, or if you leave him alone, he still lolls his tongue out.'So this is the example of the evil scholar who works against his knowledge.' [End of quote]

O' scholars, our Islamic Ummah is passing through difficult stages and facing significant dangers in this age. They are waiting for the light of guidance that you possess so that you may guide them through the darkness which has engulfed them in this era. I ask you- in the Name of Allah- don't leave the Ummah at the mercy of violent storms tossing it left and right. Don't leave it at the mercy of the enemy clawing away at it bit by bit. Don't forsake the Ummah in its bewildered state. Don't surrender it to the enemies, the disbelievers and hypocrites, who are goading it around in accordance with their whims and desires. You know all of this, and Allah is definitely going to question you about your knowledge, and how you utilized it. 'And do not betray Allah and his Messenger, and betray not knowingly your trusts.'

O' honorable youth of the Ummah! O' grandsons of Khalid bin Waleed, Aasim and Muthana! Working for this Deen and defending its values is a long and difficult journey. Those with a low morale and weak determination fall short of attaining this great objective. This Ummah has been molded by the Quran and the sword, and neither of them can be separated from the other. This is why Ibn al Taymiyyah says, 'This Deen is upheld by the Book that guides and the sword that brings victory. And sufficient is your Lord as a Guide and Helper.'

Serious concern for conveying the trust of this Deen and striving in the way of Allah entails a difficult path filled with thorns; a path which intimidates feeble souls and timid hearts. Only a select few chosen by Allah to give victory to His Religion and raise high the banner of *La ilaha ila Allah* in all corners of the world are able to fulfill this trust…only a few who could not be deceived by the false splendor of this world, and whose souls were not deceived regarding Allah...only a few who despised a life of humiliation and fled with their Religion to write a

glorious and noble chapter of history for their Ummah…only a few who were not captivated by their desires and comforts, but were generous in spending their lives and their wealth for the ascendancy of this Deen…However, this is a lofty horizon which cannot be reached by lesser souls and frail spirits. Allah (swt) says, 'Had it been a near gain and an easy journey, they would have followed you, but the distance was long for them.'

O' Muslims, this then is the condition of our Ummah; an Ummah crippled by its deep wounds. There is no end in sight to its dark gloomy night. Every wound of this Ummah has a story, a tragic tale to narrate; a story whose screams have filled the universe and a tale whose wailing has been recorded by history: killings, forced displacement, violation of sanctities, genocide, body bits blown apart, dead bodies, blood…so where is the determination of men? Has it died and its milestones been erased? Are the women unable to give birth to someone like Khalid bin Waleed or Abdullah bin Rawaha (R.A) … a question that puzzles the mind…and takes it to a journey to the farthest corners between the East and the West. And help is sought from Allah the Exalted alone.

O' Muslims! Even if the wounds are many, there is one deep conspicuous wound in front of me which I shall never forget. If the sanctities violated are numerous, I will never forget the sanctities and sacred symbols violated by the Jews and Christians. There are many a places for which tears are shed, but our fundamental cause has hardly anyone who cares for it. So what is this deep bleeding wound, and what are these sanctities and sacred symbols that have been violated? It is a cause which is at the heart of this Deen; rather it is the Deen itself. It is an objective which the Cross has tried to lay its hands upon for centuries, and the Crusades are hardly a distant memory; its details are engraved in the annals of history. It is the mother of all causes; if the mother is lost, the entire family and children are lost. It is the head of the Deen; if the head is severed, the body and its organs die. It is the very history of Muslims; if Islam's history is erased, the milestones of this Religion disappear and the honor of Muslims is erased. So do you know now what this cause is? It is the criminal occupation of the Land of the Two Sanctuaries (the Arabian Peninsula) and the sanctities of the Muslims.

The Land of the Two Sanctuaries is caught between two anvils: the apostate rulers on the one hand and the Crusader Alliance on the other. As for the first anvil, it is the system of the apostate Saudi regime represented by Fahd bin Abdul Aziz and his brothers. And as for the second anvil, it is the Crusader Alliance represented by America and the Jews. The situation has been made worse by the misguided scholars and the deceived deluded youth.

I will begin with the most important element which was planned and implemented systematically and in a professional manner: The Crusader Alliance planted by the tyrants in Muslim lands. When America, the Head of Disbelief, saw how distant the Muslims had become from their Deen and how they had abandoned their principles and stopped venerating the sacred symbols of this Deen, and had started blindly chasing their desires and the fashions in vogue, they started the execution of their plans and implemented its details. They used the Gulf Crisis and its subsequent developments as a pretext to enter the Land of the Two Sanctuaries, and this was after they had grown tired of finding a safe entry to these lands without any fighting. Thus they prepared extensively and took the matter extremely seriously, while the Muslims were still in their deep slumber.

They armed their soldiers, organized their armies, made a pomp display of their weaponry and entered the land with the open approval and commendation of the entire world. With the support of the apostate regime and the approval of some heedless scholars, they were

able to build their military bases and organize secret societies. They established colonies, residential areas, night clubs, bars and theatres. They then began to spread this deadly poison and their decadent thought in the society. They were even able to build synagogues and venerate them. The preaching and distribution of the Torah became common place. Rabbis were brought from abroad and were granted the freedom to move around, attend gatherings and publish their works. On the other hand, life was constrained for the Muslims; imprisonment, arrest and torture was the only fait awaiting them. Thus the American soldier became honorable in the Arabian Peninsula and the Muslim humiliated and worthless.

O' Muslims, what is happening in Palestine and continues to happen is not so distant from the Land of the Two Sanctuaries. The Crusaders have hatched against Makkah and Madinah a scheme much grander in scale than the one executed for the occupation and Judaization of Palestine. If we abandon this cause, do not wake up from our slumber and do not dedicate to this cause except the little spare time that we have, the Arabian Peninsula itself will become a killing ground of Muslims, just like Palestine. Just how many let down Palestine when the Jews occupied it? Just how many tried to put a lid on the outcry of the reformers and the lamentations of those who had been warning that the Jews and Crusaders have been planning the occupation of Palestine for long. Thus Palestine slipped away from the hands of Muslims, and innocent people were made to taste the worst possible torments under the shade of Jewish guns.

The current situation is itself the biggest evidence. The guns of the Zionists and Crusaders which tear apart the bodies of children and whose bullets penetrate their heads are not so distant from us. Just as the bodies of our mothers and children were ripped apart in Palestine, the same tragedy could recur with our mothers and children in the Arabian Peninsula.

I beseech the Glorious Lord, and say: O' Allah, the Lord of the lords, the Cause of all causes, the Creator of His creation from dust, O' the One who says be and it is, O' Allah, here is my soul before you. It is from you and to You it shall return. O' Allah, accept it! Do not return it rejected! O' Allah, do not make for me a grave on this earth, nor in the skies, and take my soul to the highest stations of the martyrs! O' Allah, accept from our blood today until you are pleased! O' Allah, accept from our blood today until you are pleased! O' Allah, make the blood that is spilt from our bodies and the scattered fragments which will be dispersed in the air the cause of defeating disbelief and the disbelievers, until You do not leave on earth an abode for the disbelievers!

O' Allah, I consider my soul to be a trust from you, so accept it with the best of acceptance!

Grant it Your glance and the ultimate joy!

Make its abode the luxuries of Paradise and its limitless territory!

O' Allah, the Revealer of the Book, the Mover of the skies, the Defeater of the armies: Defeat America and the Cross!

O' Allah, give us victory over them. O' Allah, they have violated the Land of the Two Sanctuaries, and defiled the Land of the Night Journey of Your Prophet (pbuh). O' Allah break their strength, disperse their ranks!

O' Allah grant us satisfaction against them! O' Allah target their soldiers, destroy their fortresses, obliterate their armies!

O’ Allah, You are our Supporter and Helper. With Your help we assault, with Your help we engage the enemy, with Your help we fight, and Allah is Sufficient for us and He is the best of trustees.

America! Where shall you escape? The sea is behind you, we are in front of you, and there is no way out! If you accept Islam, you shall be safe and Allah will give you your reward and the reward of those after you, or else just wait for us. With the permission of Allah, we are coming for you to sever your heads, rip apart your bellies and make you fall over yourselves. You will be looking for rescue and there will be no way out. There will be no solution for you except death and then even more death.

We have longed for your beautiful lands, for its streams and trees, palaces and lakes. We have resolved to tread upon your lands and embrace the maidens of Paradise on your soil. Your blood is delicious for us and your meat cheap. We are thirsty and nothing shall quench this thirst except your blood; nothing shall satiate our hunger except your meat. There is no stopping of what has been decreed by Allah. Given the fact that you invaded our lands, and we are men possessing loyalty and honor, we have resolved to visit you in your lands and gift you the most expensive of gifts worthy of your stature: coffins followed by coffins, bodies followed by bodies. Receive it until you are content with the gift, and it is a gift which will surely make you most glad. So hold on to your pleasure and appreciation just a little longer. Your appointment is in the morning, and isn’t morning approaching! For tomorrow is near for the one who awaits it.

And all praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. May peace and blessings be upon our Messenger, Muhammad.

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